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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the requirement for restriction and election of species dated August 12, 2003, applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, Claims 9-34 directed to compounds. Although the requirement for restriction identifies Group I as including Claims 1-34, because Claims 1-8 have been canceled, applicants believe that Group I includes Claims 9-34. Claims 35-64 are withdrawn from the Examiner's consideration.

Regarding the requirement for election of species, applicants elect compounds having  $\pi$ -conjugated polyene bridge that includes a fused dithiophene group as illustrated in Claim 22. Specific compounds having the fused dithiophene group include the compounds illustrated in FIGURES 12, 21, 26, 45, 46, and 47. Applicants believe that Claims 9-18, 21, 22, and 29-34 read on the elected species.

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If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicant's attorney at 206.695.1755.

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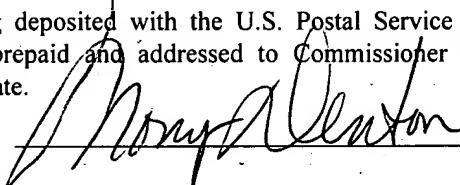
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